



## Doxey Primary School

### Homework Policy

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At Doxey Primary School we believe that homework encourages parental involvement in children's learning and gives an opportunity for parents to engage in tasks with their child. Homework should take up a manageable amount of a child's balanced life. It should be an enjoyable portion of children's time, when parents can take an interest in their progress. It is essential that homework does not dictate the pattern of every evening as pupil's need time to:

- Follow their own interests and hobbies
- Attend out of school clubs and go out with families
- Have time to relax and enjoy leisure activities
- Spend time exercising and playing with friends

### **Reading Expectations**

At Doxey we aim to promote the love of reading. Reading is a non-negotiable for homework and the expectations are as follows:

#### **Reception/KS1**

10 minutes daily reading with an adult. This includes Read Write Inc Phonics work.

#### **KS2**

20 minutes daily reading of an age appropriate text, which can be done independently but children should enjoy reading to an adult at least once a week.

### **Spellings**

Age appropriate spellings are given to children to practice weekly.

### **Times Tables**

Children will be working towards a bronze, silver or gold sticker in a particular multiplication table. There are lots of ways to help your child learn their times tables facts at home. These include:

- Reciting them.
- Writing them out.
- Singing them.
- Playing games with them.
- Computer activities, including TTRockstars
- Colouring them on a hundred square and spotting the patterns.

### **Optional tasks**

Each child in Years 1 to 6 will receive a homework 'menu' once a term with a variety of optional homework tasks to complete. This will provide an opportunity for pupils to work independently or with their families on more creative based projects.

### **Specific Year group homework**

In Reception 'Talk homework' is added to the school newsletter. Discussing this means you can support your child's speech, language and communication development, which supports their early writing.

In Year 6 additional homework is given to support the learning in class and SAT revision guides are also provided.

If any problems arise with homework please let your child's class teacher know so that we can assist or modify arrangements as necessary.